

MINUTES OF PINE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 10:00 a.m.
Board Room, Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, Minnesota

Chair Steve Hallan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Josh Mohr, Steve Chaffee, Curt Rossow and Matt Ludwig. Also present were County Attorney Reese Frederickson and County Administrator David Minke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chair Hallan called for public comment. Terry Nietzel commented regarding an issue. Willard Jaster commented about the position of walk buttons in downtown Pine City following the county street project.

Chair Hallan requested the following additions to the Agenda:

Add Item 9A: Set Special Meeting City-County Relations.

Add consent agenda item 3A: Consider Prosecution Contract with the City of Hinckley for criminal matters and related civil forfeitures.

Commissioner Chaffee moved to approve the Amended Agenda. Second by Commissioner Ludwig. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Chaffee moved to approve the Minutes of the February 3, 2015 county board meeting and Summary for publication. Second by Commissioner Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes of Boards, Committees and Correspondence

Pine County HRA Senior Housing Board of Directors Minutes regular meeting – December 17, 2014

East Central Regional Library Board Minutes – January 12, 2015

Pine County Methamphetamine Task Force Minutes – January 12, 2015

Commissioner Mohr moved to acknowledge the Minutes of Boards, Committees and Correspondence. Second by Commissioner Rossow. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Ludwig moved to approve the amended Consent Agenda. Second by Commissioner Rossow. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review January, 2015 Cash Balance

Approve:

Fund	January 31, 2014	January 31, 2015	Increase(Decrease)
General Fund	1,732,293.00	2,614,540.63	882,247.63
Health and Human Services Fund	401,830.65	(325,651.12)	(727,481.77)
Road and Bridge Fund	1,514,201.99	916,849.17	(597,352.82)
Land Management Fund	1,802,550.80	2,044,016.68	251,465.88
TOTAL (inc non-major funds)	5,356,797.85	5,147,003.48	(209,794.37)

2. **Grant**
Accept \$1,700 grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation to be used by Health & Human Services to help families who are struggling to meet their children's needs.
3. **Law Enforcement Services Contract – City of Hinckley**
Approve agreement for law enforcement services between Pine County and the City of Hinckley for years 2015-2017 with the following amounts: \$165,162.50 (2015), \$166,987.50 (2016), and \$168,812.50 (2017).
- 3A. **Prosecution Contract – City of Hinckley**
Approve prosecution contract with the City of Hinckley for criminal matters and related civil forfeitures.
4. **Joint Powers Agreement – Records Management System**
Approve Joint Powers Agreement between the County of Pine, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and the County of Mille Lacs and authorize Board Chair to sign.
5. **New Hire**
Approve the hiring of Payroll Clerk Erika Fornengo, effective March 2, 2015, \$16.00 per hour, B-23.
6. **Training**
 - A. Approve Social Worker Janet Ashmore to attend the Circle of Security Training in Minneapolis, May 4-7, 2015. Registration: covered by an Initiative Foundation grant; meals/\$121, and mileage/\$188. Total cost: \$309.
 - B. Approve County Recorder Tamara Tricas to attend the 2015 MCRA Summer Conference, Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge in Deerwood, June 8-12, 2015. Registration \$25, lodging and meals/\$624.25, and mileage/\$92.87. Total cost: \$742.13.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Public Hearing for the Pine County Local Water Plan 2015-2020**
Chair Hallan opened the public hearing at 10:10 a.m. Sam Griffith, Sandstone City Administrator, offered his support for the water management plan. Henry Fischer, a resident of Pokegama Township, offered his support however he encouraged the county to set more ambitious goals to eradicate invasive species. Land Services Director Kelly Schroeder commented regarding goals set in the plan. There being no additional public comment, the public hearing was closed at 10:15 a.m. Discussion was held regarding the water management plan, funding, and goals. Ryan Hughes, Board Conservationist, from the Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources stated no action is required by the County Board at this time.
2. **Personnel Committee**
The Personnel Committee met February 10, 2015 and made the following recommendations:
Extension:
Approve the hiring of a 2015 4-H summer assistant, \$10 per hour, not to exceed 350 hours.
Health & Human Services:
 - i. Acknowledge the resignation of Case Aide Stephanie Klemz, effective February 5, 2015, and approve backfill.
 - ii. Acknowledge the resignation of Registered Nurse Beth Lyon, effective March 2, 2015, and approve backfill.

Jail:

- i. Approve the termination of probationary full-time Corrections Officer Cody Overton, effective January 26, 2015, and approve backfill. Any vacancies created through internal promotion may be backfilled.

Administrator:

- i. Approve a \$1.00 per hour performance increase for Public Works Director Mark LeBrun effective January 1, 2015.
 - ii. Approve a \$1.29 performance increase and a \$1.18 per hour market adjustment for IT Supervisor Ryan Findell, effective his anniversary date, February 5, 2015.
- Other items are for informational purposes only.

Motion by Commissioner Chaffee to approve the recommendations of the Personnel Committee. Second by Commissioner Rossow. Motion carried 5-0.

3. **Land Committee**

The Land Committee met January 28, 2015 and made the following recommendations:

A. Withdraw/Retention of 2014 Land Sale Parcels

County Auditor-Treasurer Cathy Clemmer reported to the board that Resolution 2015-07 will allow Pine County to withdraw select parcels of unsold land previously offered at the September 19, 2014 land auction and to reappraise and offer those parcels at the 2015 land auction.

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to approve Resolution 2015-07 and authorize Board Chair and County Auditor to sign. Second by Chair Hallan. Motion carried 5-0.

B. 2014 Tax Forfeit Land Sale Tract Classification and Distribution

County Auditor-Treasurer Cathy Clemmer reported to the board that Resolution 2015-08 will allow the sale of non-conservation lands that have been forfeited to the State for non-payment of taxes. The sale of these properties will need DNR and township approval.

Motion by Commissioner Rossow to approve Resolution 2015-08 and authorize Board Chair and County Auditor to sign. Second by Commissioner Mohr. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Homestead/Repurchase Deadline

County Auditor-Treasurer Cathy Clemmer reported to the board that Resolution 2015-09 will allow homestead property owners to repurchase their property prior to the August 4, 2015 board meeting, at which time the board will set the September 18, 2015 land sale.

Motion by Commissioner Chafee to approve Resolution 2015-09 and authorize Board Chair and County Auditor to sign. Second by Commissioner Rossow. Motion carried 5-0.

D. 2015 Forfeit Land Auction

County Auditor-Treasurer Cathy Clemmer presented a list of forfeited lands to be offered for sale in 2015. Clemmer stated the Advisory Committee has reviewed the list of forfeited lands.

Motion by Commissioner Mohr to approve the list of lands to be offered for sale in 2015, authorize appraisals, re-appraisals, and miscellaneous land sale preparation for the attached listing and set the date for public land auction to September 18, 2015. Second by Commissioner Chaffee. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Sealing of the Land-O-Lakes Creamery Wells, Sandstone

County Auditor-Treasurer Cathy Clemmer gave an overview of two wells on the former creamery property in Sandstone that need to be sealed. The goal is to complete this project by the summer of 2015. Grants are available to fund this project.

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to approve proceeding forward and solicit bids in the process to seal the wells. Second by Commissioner Chaffee. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Arrowhead Transit

Presentation was given by Arrowhead Transit Director Jack Larson, Assistant Director Joe Gentile, and Supervisor Voni Smolke, updating ridership and services provided. It was noted ridership has increased significantly in Sandstone and Pine City since inception in Pine County. Ridership in Hinckley has not been as successful. Chair Hallan commented Arrowhead Transit does not require funds from Pine County.

5. Fond du Lac/Elk Management

Wildlife Biologist Mike Schrage from the Fond du Lac Resource Management Division presented information regarding reintroducing elk to areas including the Nemadji State Forest in Pine County.

Motion by Commissioner Ludwig to provide a letter of support for the Fond du Lac Resource Management Division to complete a feasibility study regarding reintroducing elk into portions of Pine County. Second by Commissioner Chaffee. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioners Chaffee, Hallan, Ludwig, and Mohr voting yes and Commissioner Rossow voting no.

6. Flood Closeout Report

Land Services Director Kelly Schroeder reviewed the recovery of the 2012 flood in northern Pine County.

7. Homeland Security and Emergency Management Award of Excellence for "Outstanding Commitment to Community Recovery"

Chair Hallan presented Land Services Director Kelly Schroeder with the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Award of Excellence for "Outstanding Commitment to Community Recovery" by the Minnesota Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Chair Hallan offered his appreciation to Schroeder for the work she does and noted only one award of this type was given throughout the entire State of Minnesota.

8. Commissioner Update

Law Library: No report.

East Central Regional Juvenile Center Advisory Committee: Commissioner Ludwig stated there were reserves at the end of 2014 and it was decided to use these reserves for maintenance.

Soil & Water Conservation District: Commissioner Ludwig stated there was discussion on wells.

Two grants were received from the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BOSWR) and a forester grant.

Transportation Meeting/Rep. Nolan & MnDOT: Commissioner Rossow stated the Highway 70 project is projected to start in 2015. Chair Hallan noted it was a good meeting and funding affects the ability of projects to be completed.

East Central Solid Waste Commission: Chair Hallan stated bids are in for the expansion project.

East Central Regional Library Board: Commissioner Chaffee stated discussion was held about buildings and a librarian was hired for Hinckley.

9. Other

Chair Hallan noted he testified at the State Capital on Senate File No. 207 regarding local government aid for out-of-home placement costs of children under the Indian Child Welfare Act.

9A. Set Special Meeting City-County Relations

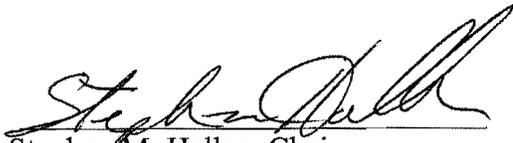
The board set a special meeting for April 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pine County Courthouse Board Room to meet with elected officials from the cities in the county.

10. Upcoming Meetings

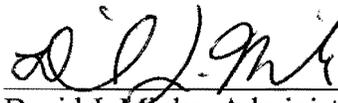
Upcoming meetings were reviewed.

11. Adjourn

With no further business, Chair Hallan adjourned the county board meeting at 12:06 p.m. The next regular meeting of the county board is scheduled for March 3, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Public Health Building, Sandstone, Minnesota.



Stephen M. Hallan, Chair
Board of Commissioners



David J. Minke, Administrator
Clerk to County Board